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CRYING UP A STORM



Polio Vaccination Makes Sense

Suppose someone took you aside and said: "You have an enemy who may waylay you and cripple you for life. But I know how you can stop this enemy. You'll have to act fast. It won't cost much money—only \$2.00—and it will take only 180 seconds of your time."

If you knew the facts were true, you'd take him up on it, wouldn't you?

Well, the facts are true. The enemy is paralytic polio. If you're under 40 years old, you're a possible victim. If polio strikes, you may face a life shattered by disease and disability.

There is no cure for paralytic polio, but there is a way to prevent it. The preventive is the Salk vaccine. It is safe and it works. Three properly spaced shots—at 60 seconds a shot—gives you protection.

Over 45,000,000 Americans have been smart enough to get this protection. But 60,000,000 in the susceptible age group have been foolhardy enough to neglect it.

Don't be one of the foolhardy ones. The polio season starts soon. You still have time to safeguard yourself and your family if you act at once. Go to your doctor or your clinic now.

Vaccinate—before it's too late!

HAPPY WITH HIS LIBRARY

During the traditional early morning walk on his latest visit to New York, former President Harry Truman revealed to the customary trail of reporters that: "I wouldn't take New York if you gave it to me." Which of course, should settle any plans of that sort which New Yorkers might have been making.

He also revealed that he walked for exercise and "would walk even though you fellows did not come along with me." Maybe he would, too.

"We continue to insist that there is too much law, too much coddling of youth as well as the older folks. It's time we get back to basics . . . let kids work, earn money and realize its value. Allow teachers to punish intractable students. Forget some of this psychology about raising kids and start raising them with a hairbrush. And it's time for the older folks who are not already accustomed to do so to set a proper example.

—Gilbertsville (N.Y.) Otsego Co. Journal

ACS Announces Rate Increase Starting July 1

The ACS has announced that telegraph rates will be boosted on July 1st.

The last previous rate boost was a token increase in 1951, amounting to about five percent. Since then, rapidly rising operating costs have necessitated another increase.

A minimum charge of 70 cents for intra-Alaska messages will also go into effect on July 1.

Historical Background

During the Klondike gold rush of 1897-1900, with the resultant influx of people into Alaska, the U.S. government found it necessary to establish a military department of Alaska, with garrisons at various points to maintain law and order in the territory.

In order to provide telegraphic communications between isolated garrisons and the department headquarters, Congress in the Act of 26 May 1900, authorized the War Department to construct the necessary telegraphic lines and cables.

In the autumn of 1901, a Signal Corps trouble shooter was pulled out of his assignment in the tropics and sent to the WAMCATS (Washington Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System). This trouble shooter was Lt. William Mitchell. Some years later, as Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell of the Army Air Corps, he stated: "He who holds Alaska, holds the world."

The period 1902-1941 saw considerable expansion of the system. Submarine cables connecting Alaska with the U.S. were laid.

As the art of radio communication developed, some cable and telegraph lines were replaced by this new means. By 1930, the system was authorized a number of high-power radio stations.

With the advent of World War II, the Alaska Communication System suddenly expanded into a combination Army theater and major tactical communication system.

Today, the U.S. Army Alaska Communication System operates and maintains a communication system consisting of wire, cable and radio channels.

With other circuits leased from Canada, communications are extended thru that country to the U.S. and connected to points in Canada.

In addition to the facilities of the ACS, there are other circuits in Alaska designed to serve a specific military or governmental function. The airways and air communications service of the Air Force and the Civil Aeronautics Admin. have systems by which air traffic within and approaching Alaska is controlled. The Alaska Railroad and other governmental agencies to a lesser degree supplement and extend the communications provided by the system.



Portland Grand Jury Submits 69th Indictment, Says There's Much Yet To Do in Fighting Corruption

House Speaker Rayburn Predicts Budget Cut That Will Help Everyone

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn told a group of Democratic governors Saturday Congress is going to cut President Eisenhower's budget and give the people a tax cut that will help everybody.

Rayburn was quoted as saying that Congress hopes to cut from three to five billion dollars out of the spending budget of \$71.8 billion "without hurting the country."

The breakfast meeting was closed to newsmen.

Rayburn was quoted as saying he had served in Washington under seven Presidents and considered the administration the "most inept and most partisan" he had ever seen.

Minnesota's Gov. Orville L. Freeman reportedly brought a laugh from the gathering when he said he had heard a rumor that if Eisenhower went on TV and radio to defend his budget the Republicans would ask for equal time. He was referring to Republicans in both houses who have criticized the size of the Eisenhower budget.

PORTLAND, Ore., (AP)—A vice-investigating grand jury ran its score to 69 indictments Saturday and told Portland it still has a long way to go before corruption can be wiped out here.

The busiest of four grand juries to investigate vice in the past year, the jury submitted two final indictments and a lengthy report critical of Dist. Atty. William Langley, Mayor Terry Schunk and local police.

Langley has been convicted of failing to prosecute gamblers. He faces six other indictments. Mayor Schunk faces five.

In a surprise move the grand jury also recommended that Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton be replaced in the probe.

"The appalling inability of our attorney general to perceive the emergent public need for forceful action . . . has been increasingly evident to us . . ."

Narcotics and prostitution should be high on the list of the next grand jury, the report said, adding: "The interrelation of underworld characters and the overlap of criminal activity indicate to us the existence of a substantial traffic in narcotics and its coexistent evil, commercialized prostitution."

The report spoke of "gross misuses" of law enforcement machinery "by the misalliance of Dist. Atty. Lingley and Mayor (and former Sheriff) Schunk."

Schunk and Langley assert they are being framed by Gambler Big Jim Elkins because they would not protect his activities.

It was Elkins' story, a year ago, accusing Langley, Schunk and others of having a hand in Portland vice that started the investigation. Elkins repeated his story before the Senate Rackets Committee earlier this year.

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